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In re Application of: Fujio OKADA et al.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") in accordance with its duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This IDS is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), before issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Also attached is a copy of each cited reference, together with a listing thereof on Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry into the record of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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